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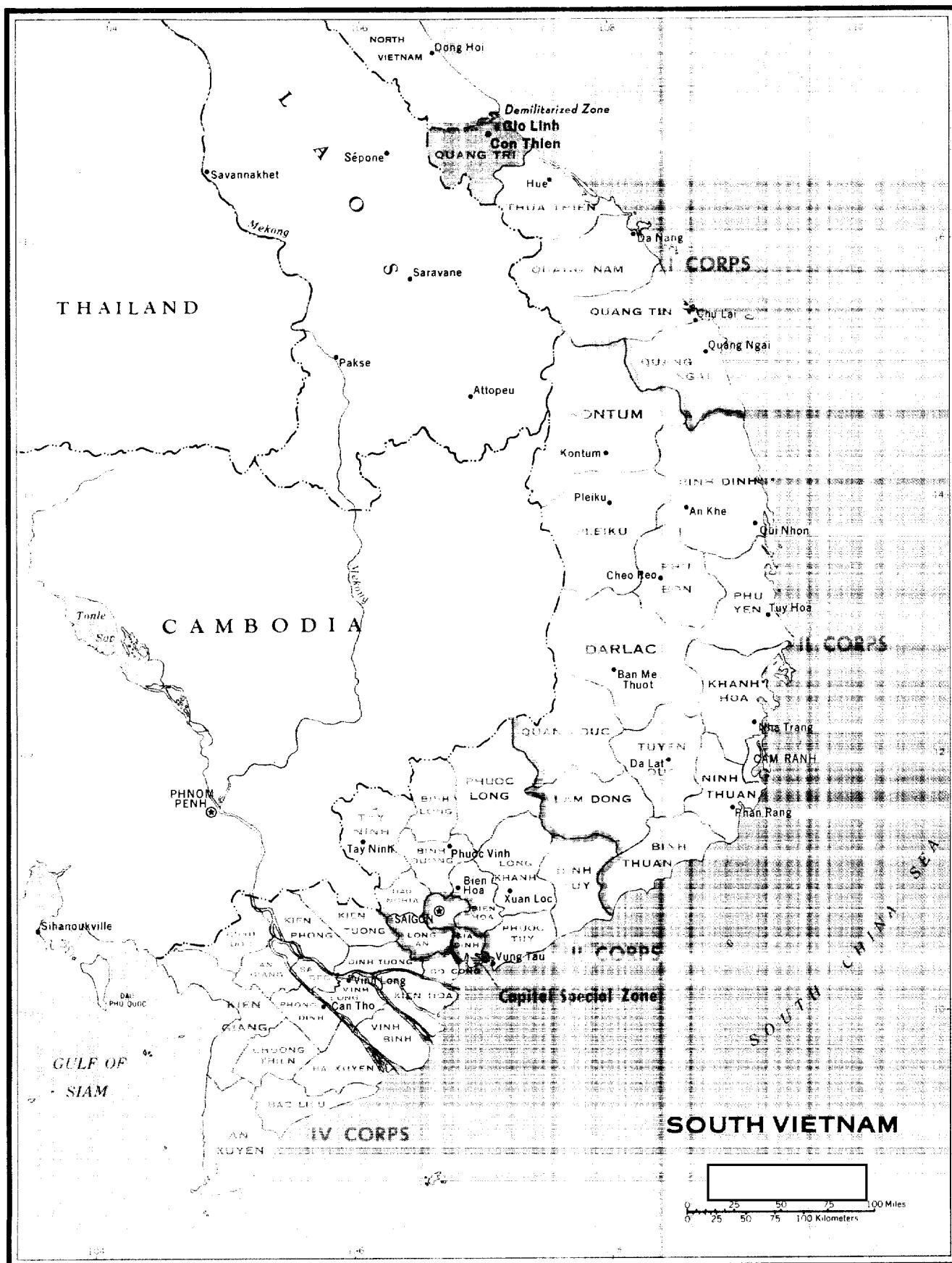
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North Vietnam: Hanoi has turned out city dwellers in great numbers to assist in transplanting the important tenth month rice crop.

Although the dispatch of city dwellers to farms during the busy transplanting and harvest seasons is common in North Vietnam, the numbers involved this year appear to be unusually large. Some 120,000, for instance, have been sent to Thai Binh Province alone, according to the party journal Nhan Dan.

It is too early to tell what the prospects are for the late rice crop, but transplanting was delayed by a lengthy drought which only ended in mid-August. A bumper harvest will be needed if North Vietnam is to overcome its dependence on food imports. The last three rice harvests were below average.

South Vietnam: US Marine positions in northern Quang Tri Province again came under heavy Communist mortar and artillery fire on 19 September. Marine losses were light in seven separate barrages against positions at Con Thien and Gio Linh.

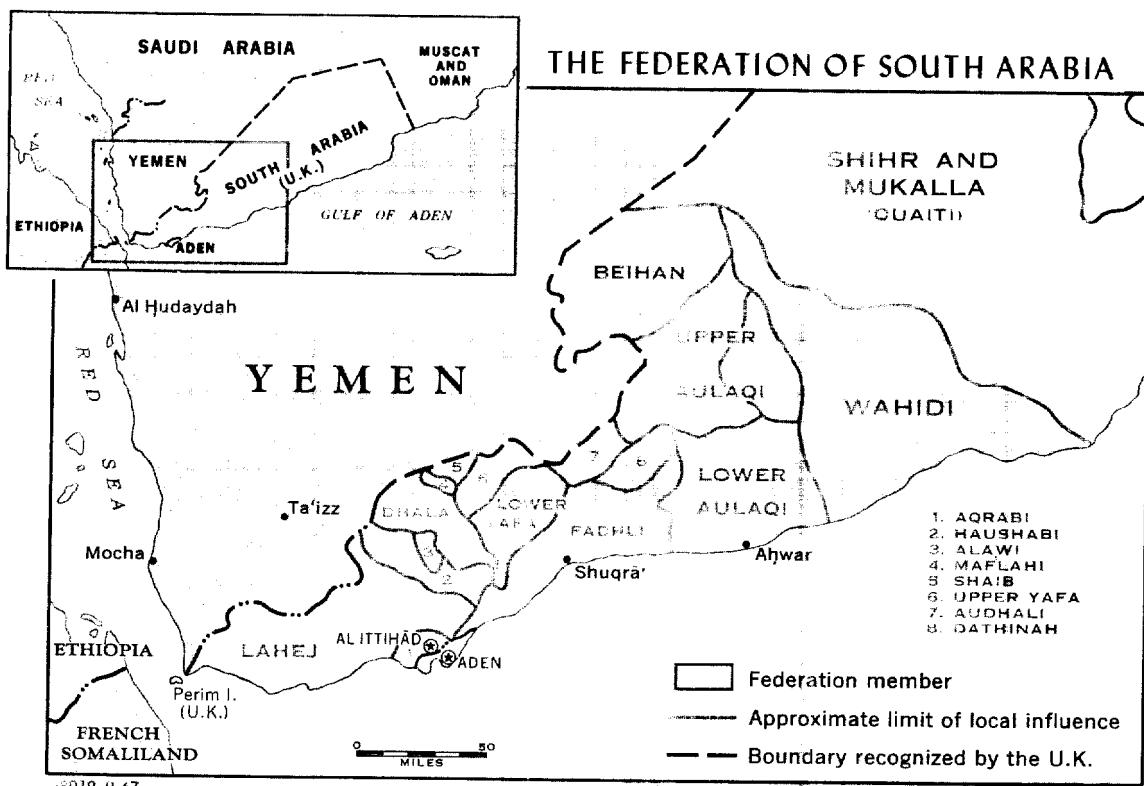
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Britain - South Arabia: London has advanced the date for South Arabian independence, and the two rival nationalist groups may cooperate in forming a government.

Britain now plans to grant independence by 20 November instead of the 9 January date previously announced. A Foreign Office spokesman has said that British forces could be pulled out completely by the last week in October, if need be.

South Arabia's two rival nationalist groups meanwhile have indicated a willingness to cooperate in forming a successor government, but each continues to insist on the dominant role. The Secretary-General of the Front for the Liberation of Occupied South Yemen (FLOSY) stated on 19 September that it was FLOSY's right to set up a transitional government. FLOSY was ready, however, to allocate one-third of the posts to the National Liberation Front (NLF).

The NLF had agreed earlier to cooperate if each party were represented according to its influence in South Arabia. The NLF appears to control a far larger area of South Arabia than does FLOSY, but fighting continues in many areas.

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